crores on to the newspaper industry due to the failure of STC to make timely purchase of newsprint in foreign currency;

(b) whether it is a fact that newspaper industry had made advance payment to STC for their requirements; and

(c) whether Government would ask STC to bear the loss for their mistakes and prevent passing burden on to newspaper industry?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) The matter has been resolved on mutually agreed cost-sharing basis between the industry and State Trading Corporation.

(b) The State Trading Corporation have informed that the Industry pays only at the time of lifting of the goods.

(c) No, Sir.

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146. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:
SHRI SOM PAL:
DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present composition of the Union Public Service Commission is violating established norms of the UPSC composition;

(b) if so, what is the established norm of the composition and what are the points of violation;

(c) what are the reasons that non-IAS personnel have not been appointed in pursuance of established norms;

(d) when the present members of the UPSC were appointed and what are the terms and conditions of their employment; and

(e) what corrective measures are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) According to the proviso to Article 316(1) of the Constitution, as nearly as may be one half of the members of the Union Public Service Commission shall be persons who at the dates of their respective appointments have held office for at least ten years either under the Government of India or under the Government of a State. The present composition of the Union Public Service Commission is given in the attached statement.

(c) At present, four Members of the UPSC are retired IAS officers while five retired non-IAS officers. The other two are from the non-governmental category.

(d) The dates of appointments and the dates of expiry of tenure of Chairman/Members are given in the attached Statement (*See below*) Under Article 316(2) of the Constitution, a Member of the Union Public Service Commission shall hold office for a term of six years from the date on which he enters upon his office or until he attains the age of sixty-five years, whichever is earlier.

(e) The Constitutional provision will be kept in view while filling up vacancies of Chairman/Members of the Commission.

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Composition of the UPSC

S.No.	Name	Past experience	Date of appointment	Date of expiry of tenure
	Chairman			
1.	Shri Jagdish Prakash Gupta	Chairman, Railway Board, Ministry of Railways	5-3-90 (AN)	2-6-92
	Members			
2.	Smt. Rose Millan Bathew Kharboli	Member, Meghalaya Public Service Commission	8-6-87	7-6-93
3.	Vice Admiral G.M. Hiranandani (Retd.)	Vice Chief of Naval Staff	13-4-89	12-4-95
4.	Shri A. Padmanbhan	IAS (TN)	17-4-89	13-12-93
5.	Shri J.A. Kalyanakrishnan	IAS (UP)	29-12-89	28-12-95
6.	Shri Harish Chandra	DG, CPWD	15-1-90	14-1-96
7.	Smt. Otima Bordia	IAS (Raj)	11-5-90	10-5-96
8.	Shri S.J.S. Chhatwal	Indian Foreign Service	14-1-91 (AN)	30.9.96
9.	Shri J.M. Qureshi	IPS (MP)	1-4-91	31-3-97
10.	Shri S.K. Misra	IAS (Haryana)	21-8-91 (AN)	21-8-97
11.	Dr. P. Selvie Das	Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore.	Yet to join.	

Availability of medicines for the treatment of Malaria

147. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that malaria is costing lives partly due to non-availability of Primaquin as published in the Indian Expres dated 8-8-91 and if so, what are the details of the remedial steps taken thereof;

(b) whether any other alternative treatment at low cost is available for common types of malaria prevalent in the country; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that malarial parasite vectors have become resistent to pesticides and if so, whether any biological control system is available or under development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) To the extent information available, there is no shortage of Primaquin. This drug is obtained from W.H.O. and distributed under National Malaria Eradication